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| Title | : Method for Providing Software to Be Used by a Control Unit of a Vehicle | | |

## AFTER FINAL REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated January 14, 2010, reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application are respectfully requested. Claims 1 and 3-20 remain pending.

As an initial matter, Applicant appreciates the time and courtesy extended by Examiners Johnson and Moazzami during the personal interview conducted on March 9, 2010. The following summarizes the substance of the interview.

Claims 1 and 3-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over England et al. (US 6,330,670, hereinafter "England") in view of Davis (US 6,292,892) and further in view of Wong et al. (US 5,957,985, hereinafter "Wong"). This ground of rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant's claim 1 recites a method that involves signing software against falsification involving generating a software signature certificate. As recited in claim 1, the software signature certificate is generated using the ***public key of a software signature site*** and a ***secret key of a control entity of a trust***